GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SEIZURE OF HEROIN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of Revenue Intelligence recently ceased seventeen kg heroin worth seventeen crores of rupees in Pathankot;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantity of heroin ceased by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence during the last three years and total cost thereof in the international market;

(d) whether most of the heroin is coming in India from the route of Pakistan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to stop the smuggling of heroin through Pakistan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have seized a quantity of 16.06 kgs. of heroin, contained in 17 packets, at Pathankot, on 8.2.2001. The value of the seized heroin is estimated to be approximately Rs. 16 Crores in the International market.

(c): Total quantity of heroin seized by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence during the last three years and estimated value thereof in the international market is as under:-

Year	Quantity of Heroin seized (in kgs.)	Estimated value in International market (Rs. in Crores)
1997-98	157.132	157.10
1998-99	73.110	73.10
1999-2000	12.500	12.50
2000-2001	73.130	73.10

(d) & (e): Pakistan is one of the route from which heroin is smuggled into India. As per reports available during year 2000, a total quantity of 1240 kgs. heroin was seized in the country, out of which approximately 40% of the heroin was sourced from South-West Asian Region.

(f): The Government of India have taken a number of statutory and administrative measures to prevent smuggling of narcotic drugs in the country. Some of the important measures taken to prevent drug trafficking and smuggling of heroin, in particular through Indo-Pakistan border are as under:-

(i) Instructions have been issued to all the enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the provisions contained in NDPS Act, 1985.

(ii) Indo-Pak border has been fenced and provided with flood lighting.

(iii) BSF and Coast Guard,who are deployed on land and coastal borders, have been vested with powers under the Customs Act,

1962 to interdict narcotics drugs on the border in addition to the several Central and State Government enforcement agencies empowered under the NDPS Act, 1985.

(iv) Quarterly coordination meetings chaired by DG,NCB are held regularly in New Delhi which are attended by All Enforcement agencies involved in drug law enforcement at the highest level.

(v) A bilateral agreement has been arrived at with authorities in Pakistan whereby periodic meetings take place at Secretary level and DG level. Representatives of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies have been included in the border meetings of BSF and Pak Rangers. Contact points have been designated by the two countries for direct operational communication.

(vi) Officers of various drug law enforcement agencies are trained on a regular basis in order to improve their effectiveness.

(vii) India is a signatory to all the UN Conventions as well as SAARC Convention, which envisage multilateral cooperation against drug trafficking.